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Policy Title Snowplowing of County Road Allowances & Snowplowing/Grading of Private Driveways	Date: January 26, 2016	Resolution No. 26/16

Purpose:

To establish a policy regarding snow removal on County road allowances and snowplowing/grading of private driveways.

Policy Statement and Guidelines:

- When deemed necessary by the CAO or designate, snow removal coverage will be provided 7 days a week to address a significant or extreme snow event.
- If the weather is severe and the operators are at risk, Kneehill County will halt plowing operations.
- With the exception of emergency situations, plowing private driveways will be ranked as a second priority.
- Graders will start after the storm and as deemed necessary by the CAO or designate. They will vary their routes taking approximately 4-5 days to complete a division not including clean up and drifting.
- Emergency situations will be assessed at the discretion of the CAO or designate.
- Snow fence – County road crews install snow fencing in the late fall months to help reduce drifting snow onto county roads only. The County is permitted under the provincial *Public Highways Development Act* to enter private property to install and maintain snow fencing as required. Crews will not enter lands where obvious farming is underway, for example, active pasture land with grazing livestock or fields with a crop waiting to be harvested. Every effort is made to contact affected landowners in advance of the installation.

Snowplowing Policy – County Road Allowances:

- Generally, plowing of snow will only be undertaken when snow accumulates to a minimum of ten (10) cm of snow.
- Snowplowing of County road allowances may not follow the School Bus Routes.
- Sanding; or ice blading of icy stretches and intersection will be done on an as required basis. The priority will be intersections and curves on roads. Other areas will be done within the available resources as need dictates.

List of Priorities:

1. Arterial Roads
2. Collector Roads
3. Hamlets
 - Snow is piled on boulevards and areas available. Under heavy snow conditions and only if deemed necessary by the CAO or designate, will the snow be hauled away.
 - Windrows created on driveways as a result of this operation are the landowner’s responsibility.

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4. Country Residential Subdivisions
 - Windrows created on driveways as a result of this operation are the landowner's responsibility.
5. Reservoir Sites
6. Transfer Sites

List of Second Priorities:

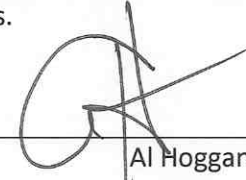
7. Private Driveways

Procedures for Snowplowing/Grading Policy for Private Driveways

1. Rate for snowplowing will be set as per Master Rates Bylaw.
2. Landowners wishing private driveways to be plowed by County machinery must complete and sign a Grading/Snowplowing Agreement - Appendix A prior to the work being commenced. Payment will be **required prior** to any snowplowing/grading being commenced. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, interact, MasterCard or Visa.
3. The Landowner will contact the County office in order to receive service. Snowplowing/ grading will be completed at the discretion of the Municipality and shall not in any way interfere with the regular supply of services and maintenance to the municipality at large.
4. The County will invoice school bus drivers for snowplowing/grading their own private driveways. School bus drivers' driveways will be treated in the same manner as all private driveways in regards to priority, agreement signage, as well as payments for services.



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